



Northumberland 09-10 October 2006

A couple of leisurely days birding, based in Wooler with a day out at Holy Island and the rest of the Lindisfarne Nature Reserve on 09 October (highlight being a European Roller) and Stag Rocks with Monkhouse / Seahouses the following day. Just under 100 species were noted without any effort.

For further details on localities see <http://www.naturalbornbirder.com/uk/uk.php>



Brent Geese and Eurasian Wigeon, Lindisfarne, 09 October 2006



Skein of Pinkfeet, Beal, 09 October 2006



Eurasian Teal, Monkshouse Pools, 10 October 2006



Red-throated Diver, Shag and Eider, Stag Rocks, 10 October 2006



Little Grebe, The Lough, Holy Island, 09 October



Pinkfoot, Monkshouse Pools, 10 October



Species List

In the listing below the asterisks (*) have the following meanings:

- * = 1-9
- ** = 10-99
- *** = 100-999
- **** = 1000+

Species	Norwegian Name	Scientific name	Comments
Red-throated Diver	Smålom	<i>Gavia stellata</i>	4+ Holy Island 09.10, 6-8 Stag Rocks 10.10
Little Grebe	Dvergdykker	<i>Tachybaptus ruficollis</i>	2 Holy Island
Great Crested Grebe	Toppdykker	<i>Podiceps cristatus</i>	1 on the sea at Fenham-le-moor
Northern Gannet	Havsule	<i>Sula bassana</i>	Common at Holy Island and Stag Rocks
Great Cormorant	Storskarv	<i>Phalacrocorax carbo</i>	*
European Shag	Toppskarv	<i>Phalacrocorax aristotelis</i>	***
Grey Heron	Gråhegre	<i>Ardea cinera</i>	1-5 seen at a number of locations
Mute Swan	Knoppsvane	<i>Cygnus olor</i>	10-15 at Holy Island Causeway and Budle Bay
Pink-footed Goose	Kortnebbgås	<i>Anser brachyrhynchus</i>	Over 2000 seen, commonest goose
Greylag Goose	Grågas	<i>Anser anser</i>	20+ at Monkshouse Pools
Barnacle Goose	Hvitkinngås	<i>Branta leucopsis</i>	350+ near Elswick
Brent Goose	Ringgås	<i>Branta bernicla</i>	1700+ Lindisfarne
Common Shelduck	Gravand	<i>Tadorna tadorna</i>	Very common Lindisfarne, 270+ Budle Bay
Eurasian Wigeon	Brunnake	<i>Anas penelope</i>	Up to 3000 in one flock at Lindisfarne
Eurasian Teal	Krikkand	<i>Anas crecca</i>	50+ Holy Island, 30+ Monkshouse
Mallard	Stokkand	<i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	**
Northern Pintail	Stjertand	<i>Anas acuta</i>	10+ Lindisfarne
Northern Shoveler	Skjeand	<i>Anas clypeata</i>	20+ Holy Island, 2 Monkshouse Pools
Greater Scaup	Bergand	<i>Aythya marila</i>	1 male in Budle Bay
Common Eider	Ærfugl	<i>Somateria mollissima</i>	***



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Common Scoter	Svartand	<i>Melanitta nigra</i>	2 Stag Rocks
Red-breasted Merganser	Siland	<i>Mergus serrator</i>	4-8 at various localities
Eurasian Sparrowhawk	Spurvehawk	<i>Accipiter nisus</i>	1-2 at various localities
Common Buzzard	Musvåk	<i>Buteo buteo</i>	Commonest raptor. Several seen daily
Common Kestrel	Tårnfalk	<i>Falco tinnunculus</i>	1-2 at a number of localities
Peregrine	Vandrefalk	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	1 Lindisfarne
Red-legged Partridge	Rødhøne	<i>Alectoris rufa</i>	30+ at Wooler
Pheasant	Fasan	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>	Common everywhere except Holy Island
Common Moorehen	Sivhøne	<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	**
Common Coot	Sothøne	<i>Fulica atra</i>	**
Eurasian Oystercatcher	Tjeld	<i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Common everywhere. Only 23 at Stag Rocks - a VERY low number for the time of year
Ringed Plover	Sandlo	<i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Common
European Golden Plover	Heilo	<i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	A flock of 3000+ at Holy Island
Grey Plover	Tundralo	<i>Pluvialis squatarola</i>	Common at Holy Island and Budle Bay
Northern Lapwing	Vipe	<i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Hundreds seen on both days
Red Knot	Polarsnipe	<i>Calidris canutus</i>	Common at Lindisfarne
Sanderling	Sandløper	<i>Calidris alba</i>	2 Stag Rocks
Purple Sandpiper	Fjæreplytt	<i>Calidris maritima</i>	14 Stag Rocks, a little on the low side for the time of year. Numbers do not tend to build before later in the month
Dunlin	Myrsnipe	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	Common
Ruff	Brushane	<i>Philomachus pugnax</i>	9 at Monkshouse Pools
Common Snipe	Enkeltbekkasin	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Several at Monkshouse Pools
Black-tailed Godwit	Svarthalespove	<i>Limosa limosa</i>	1 at Monkshouse Pools
Bar-tailed Godwit	Lappspove	<i>Limosa lapponica</i>	100s at Lindisfarne
Eurasian Curlew	Storspove	<i>Numenius arquata</i>	100s
Common Redshank	Rødstilk	<i>Tringa totanus</i>	Common



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Common Greenshank	Gluttesnipe	<i>Tringa nebularia</i>	A few in Budle Bay
Ruddy Turnstone	Steinvender	<i>Arenaria interpres</i>	Common. 87 at Stag Rocks was well above average for the time of year
Arctic Skua	Tyvjo	<i>Stercorarius parasiticus</i>	One south at Emmanuel head, Holy Island
Black-headed Gull	Hettemåke	<i>Larus ridebudus</i>	****
Common Gull	Fiskemåke	<i>Larus canus</i>	***
Lesser Black-backed Gull	Sildemåke	<i>Larus fuscus</i>	Several seen on both days
Herring Gull	Gråmake	<i>Larus argentatus</i>	***
Great Black-backed Gull	Svartbak	<i>Larus marinus</i>	**
Black-legged Kittiwake	Krykkje	<i>Rissa tridactyla</i>	A few off Holy Island
Sandwich Tern	Splitterne	<i>Sterna sandvicensis</i>	At least two at Stag Rocks
Common Tern	Makrellterne	<i>Sterna hirundo</i>	Two at Stag Rocks
Common Guillemot	Lomvi	<i>Uria aalge</i>	***
Razorbill	Alke	<i>Alca torda</i>	**
Atlantic Puffin	Lunde	<i>Fratercula arctica</i>	A single off Holy Island
Common Woodpigeon	Ringdue	<i>Columba palumbus</i>	****
Eurasian Collared Dove	Tyrkedue	<i>Streptopelia decaocto</i>	**
Barn Owl	Tårnugle	<i>Tyto alba</i>	At least 4 individuals noted
Tawny Owl	Kattugle	<i>Strix aluco</i>	Wooler and a road kill near Elswick
Short-eared Owl	Jordugle	<i>Asio flameus</i>	One on Holy Island
European Roller	Blåkrake	<i>Coracias garrulus</i>	One at Beal, near Holy Island
Green Woodpecker	Grønnspekk	<i>Picus viridis</i>	Wooler
Skylark	Sanglerke	<i>Alauda arvensis</i>	***
Barn Swallow	Låvesvale	<i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Two near Wooler and two on Holy Island
Meadow Pipit	Heipiplerke	<i>Anthus pratensis</i>	**
Rock Pipit	Skjærpiplerke	<i>Anthus petrosus</i>	A few at Holy Island and Stag Rocks
White / Pied Wagtail	Linerle	<i>Motacilla alba</i>	**



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Winter Wren	Gjerdsmett	<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	**
Hedge Accentor	Jernspurv	<i>Prunella modularis</i>	**
European Robin	Rødstrupe	<i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	**
Stonechat	Svartstrupe	<i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Common, seen at most localities
Common Blackbird	Svartrost	<i>Turdus merula</i>	**
Song Thrush	Måltrost	<i>Turdus philomelus</i>	*
Mistle thrush	Duetrost	<i>Turdus viscivorus</i>	10+ at Wooler, smaller numbers elsewhere
Goldcrest	Fuglekonge	<i>Regulus regulus</i>	Small numbers on Holy Island
Coal Tit	Svartmeis	<i>Parus ater</i>	**
Blue Tit	Blåmeis	<i>Parus caeruleus</i>	**
Great Tit	Kjøttmeis	<i>Parus major</i>	**
Nuthatch	Spettmeis	<i>Sitta europaea</i>	Wooler
Eurasian Treecreeper	Trekryper	<i>Certhia familiaris</i>	Wooler
Black-billed Magpie	Skjære	<i>Pica pica</i>	*
Eurasian Jackdaw	Kaie	<i>Corvus monedula</i>	***
Rook	Kornkråke	<i>Corvus frugilegus</i>	****
Carrion Crow	Svarkråke	<i>Corvus corone</i>	***
Common Starling	Stær	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	****
House Sparrow	Gråspurv	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	**
Chaffinch	Bokfink	<i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	**
European Greenfinch	Grønnfink	<i>Carduelis chloris</i>	**
European Goldfinch	Stillits	<i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	**
European Siskin	Grønnsisik	<i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Wooler
Common Linnet	Tornirisk	<i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	**
Yellowhammer	Gulspurv	<i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	**
Reed Bunting	Sivspurv	<i>Emberiza schoeniclus</i>	Several on Holy Island



Rook, Stag Rocks, 10 October



Goldfinch, Elswick, 09 October